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SUBJ: FOREIGNERS IN CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 4590, 4634 AND KARKASHIAN TELECON

1. I MET WITH UNHCR REP HASELMAN THIS AFTERNOON. HASELMAN WAS "EXTREMELY PLEASED" TO TELL ME THAT IN CONVERSATIONS TODAY WITH MININTERIOR BONILLA THE GOC GAVE OVERALL APPROVAL TO PLAN OF ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AS OUTLINED IN SANTIAGO 4634. HASELMAN WILL BE MEETING AGAIN THIS EVENING WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO IRON OUT FEW REMAINING TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. HE STATED THAT GOC AND, IN PARTICULAR MININTERIOR BONILLA AND MINFON RELATIONS HUERTA WERE COOPERATING FULLY. HASELMAN MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPS WOULD BE ARRIVING SOON FROM GENEVA.

2. THIS AFTERNOON EMBOFF SPOKE WITH EDDIE LEHMAN, SWISS NATIONAL AND CHIEF CRC REP IN CHILE. LEHMAN REPORTS THAT HE IS PLEASED WITH COOPERATION HE IS RECEIVING FROM GOC. HE STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM MINJUSTICE AND MINDEFENSE TO VISIT ALL DETAINEES IN SANTIAGO AND IN PROVINCES
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AND TO INTERVIEW THEM WITHOUT WITNESSES PRESENT. LEHMAN

NOTED THAT HE WAS REQUESTING THAT MORE ICRC PERSONNEL BE SENT TO CHILE. WE OFFERED LEHMAN AS WE DID HASELMAN ALL APPROPRIATE USG ASSISTANCE IN THEIR ENDEAVORS.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED TO PRESS BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES: QUOTE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SEPT 24 WE CAN STATE THAT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVT OF CHILE AND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNHCR AND, IN RESPONSE TO THE NECESSITY OF AIDING FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN CHILE THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES HAS BEEN FORMED. THIS COMMITTEE IS INITIALLY COMPOSED OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (CATHOLIC, EVANGELIC AND ORTHODOX) AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF COOPERATION AND SERVICE AND IS OPEN TO THE ADHERENCE OF OTHER NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN INSTITUTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE HAS THE SUPPORT AND ACTIVE COLLABORATION OF ICRC, CIME, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, CARITAS, WORLD CHURCH SERVICE, WORLD LUTHERAN AID AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS COMMITTEE INSPIRED EXCLUSIVELY BY HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS ARE THE FOLLOWING: A) TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL WELL-BEING OF THE REFUGEES. B) AID THEM IN THEIR SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO REGULARIZE THEIR SITUATION IN THIS COUNTRY. C) WITH RESPECT TO THOSE WHO MUST OR WANT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, COLLABORATE WITH THEM IN ALL WAYS TO AID THEM TO DO SO. D) WITH RESPECT TO REFUGEES WHO WISH TO LEARN IF THEY ARE WANTED BY THE AUTHORITIES, THE COMMITTEE OFFERS ITS MEDIATION TO CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND TO OBTAIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT IS NECESSARY. UNQUOTE. STATEMENT ENDS WITH LIST OF ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS IN SANTIAGO AND IN PROVINCES WHERE REFUGEES CAN RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION.

4. DECLARATION QUOTED ABOVE IS INCORPORATED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN A COMMUNIQUE WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED TOMORROW BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND IN WHICH THE MINISTER ALSO THANKS THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE UNHRC FOR THEIR COLLABORATION AND REITERATES HIS SUPPORT FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES.

5. I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION - EXCEPT, OF COURSE, MININT'S STATEMENT (PARA 4) WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED
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